



2019 USATT/ITTF Hopes Table Tennis Camp & Qualifying Tournament Friday-Sunday, February 22-24, 2019



USA / ITTF Hopes Program	<p>The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)/USA Table Tennis (USATT) Hopes Program is a series of regional, national and international camps and competitions designed to spark motivation and interest for skilled and talented young table tennis athletes who have a love for table tennis and who wish to become high-level players. Participants will receive expert coaching and training from USATT National Coaches for three days in a fun, rewarding environment in which they will have an opportunity to meet peers and share experiences.</p>
Host Club & Playing Facility	<p>Little Rock Table Tennis Club, BOX 250260, Little Rock, AR 72225. Playing facility is Jim Dailey Fitness & Aquatic Center (JDFAC), 300 South Monroe St., Little Rock, 72204. Modern fitness center; large gymnasium; wood flooring; high ceilings; excellent lighting.</p>
Sponsors	<p>Arkansas Table Tennis Academy, NWA Table Tennis Club, USA Table Tennis, International Table Tennis Federation (Hopes Week and Challenge)</p>
National Coaches	<p>Two local Arkansas coaches, Mike Lauro (USATT National/ITTF Level 3 & USATT 2018 Volunteer Coach of the Year) and Russ Hamilton (USATT National Coach) will assist either USATT National Team Coach Pieke Franssen (former Dutch National Coach for Men's and Women's teams, and Olympic Coach) <u>or</u> USATT High Performance Director Joerg Bitzigeio.</p>
Tournament Officials	<p>Mike Lauro (Certified Referee) and Jeff Pratt (Certified Umpire). Contact Mike by email at littlerocktabletennis@gmail.com or text 501-291-3142 with questions.</p>
Player Eligibility	<p>Hopes Camp and Tournament are open to junior players born after 1/1/2007 and only these players are eligible to qualify in the tournament for the stage, the USATT Hopes Week and Challenge to be held in April 2019. There is a limit of 24 entries. Players up to age 15 may be accepted for camp and tournament provided there is space available and they would then play in an extra event at the tournament.</p> <p>Tournament players must be USATT members. Non-members of USATT may purchase a \$20 playing pass or USATT membership. Membership fees for juniors ages 17 and under are 1 year for \$45 or 3 years for \$145. A family of 2 adults 18 years and older and any number of minor children under age 18, all living at the same address, may purchase a household membership of 1-year for \$150. Participation in the tournament requires participation in the two days of camp.</p>



Camp Format	The training camps will take place on Friday and Saturday with 2 training sessions per day (see schedule below). Saturday lunch and afternoon break will include an optional visit to the Little Rock Zoo located across the street from the camp facility. Dinners will be organized for camp participants and their family on Friday and Saturday evenings.
Qualifying Tournament Format	On Sunday the USATT / ITTF Hopes Qualifying Tournament starts at 10:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for players to enjoy playing in a competitive environment against their peers at a national level. There will be 2 events: Boys' Hopes and Girls' Hopes. The format will consist of an initial round robin stage with the top 2 players from each group advancing to a single elimination round. Medals will be awarded to players finishing in 1st through 4th position. All matches are best of 5 games.
Equipment & Rules	Only USATT approved equipment; 10-12 tables; premium plastic balls. All USATT rules and regulations apply. Dress code will be enforced - no white clothing.
Deadline to Register	Entry Form and Payment must be received by Friday, February 8, 2019. We encourage early registration as there are a limited number of spaces.
Reporting	For the camp, players must report to facility for check in no later than 30 minutes prior to each session. For the tournament, players must report to control desk 30 minutes before the tournament start time or risk default.
Food	A variety of food with vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free selections will be available to participants. This is included in the cost of the camp. Players are free to bring or purchase their own food outside of the camp. The facility has vending machines only.
Schedule	<p>Friday training session 1: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Friday dinner: 5:30 p.m. Friday training session 2: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday training session 1: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Saturday lunch: 11:30 a.m. Saturday visit to Zoo: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (optional, weather permitting) Saturday training session 2: 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday dinner: 6:00 p.m. Sunday Tournament: 9:00 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. Competition Begins</p>
Cost	\$125 fee includes camp and tournament entry fees, and food on Friday between sessions, and lunch on Saturday. Cost to visit the Zoo is \$6 per person for group rate. If we encounter inclement weather on Saturday, we will have an alternative activity.





ENTRY FORM
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Limited to first 24 entries. Deadline Friday, February 8th, 2019. \$10 late/unpaid fee after deadline.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ USATT#: _____ Expires: _____ Rating: _____

Your Club: _____ Gender: Male | Female U.S. Citizen: Yes | No

Please provide your email address for future use: _____

Hopes Entry Fee:	\$125	\$
Late Fee after February 8, 2019	\$10	\$
Zoo Visit (weather permitting)	\$ 6 per person (group rate)	\$
USATT Membership	See Player Eligibility section above	\$
Donation to National Team	Any Amount	\$
Total Entry Fees:	Call/Text Mike at 501-291-3142 with questions.	\$

For sponsorship inquiries or entry questions, email LRTTC at littlerocktabletennis@gmail.com.

Mail checks paid to “LRTTC” with Entry Form to: LRTTC, BOX 250260, Little Rock, AR 72225;
Or e-mail completed entry form to littlerocktabletennis@gmail.com and we’ll e-mail you a PayPal invoice which you can pay online.

ENTRIES & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019

LIABILITY WAIVER: I accept full responsibility for my participation and relieve USATT/ITTF, LRTTC, Arkansas Table Tennis Academy, Northwest Arkansas Table Tennis Club, JDFAC, and tournament officials of any actions, claims or demands for any loss, damage or injury sustained or any liabilities due to death or damage to my property during this camp and tournament. I will abide by all USATT regulations and tournament management decisions during the course of this event.

Signature (Parent or guardian sign for minors) _____